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Castanopsis fabri Hance

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Luo fu zhui

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 8-20 m tall. The young shoots have a few hairs. The leaf stalk can be 1.5 cm long. The leaf blade is oval or sword shaped. It is 8-18 cm long by 2.5-5 cm wide. It is leathery. The base is rounded and unequal on each side. The edges have teeth. It tapers to the tip. There are 9-15 side veins on each side of the mid vein. The mid vein is sunken. The stalk of the male flowers has a few hairs. The female flowers are 2-3 per cup. The flowering structure is 8-17 cm long. The cup is 2-4 cm across. It splits open irregularly. There are usually 2 nuts per cup but there can be 1 or 3. The nuts are cone shaped and 1-1.4 cm across by 1-1.2 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in broad leafed evergreen forest between 100-2000 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 120 Castanopsis species. Many have edible nuts.

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